

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Objections to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Applicants have amended the specification in a manner to overcome this objection. The specification and abstract also include editorial amendments that have been made for grammatical and general readability purposes. No new matter has been added.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the specification.

II. Objection to the Claims

The Examiner has objected to claims 1-20 for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. Applicants have amended these claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions so as to overcome the objections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants have made minor amendments to claims 3 and 5 so as to improve the general readability and clarity of the claims. Applicants submit that when read in light of the specification, one of ordinary skill in the art would readily be able to ascertain the meaning and

scope of the language recited in claims 3 and 5. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-20 contain allowable subject matter. As noted above, the claims have been amended so as to overcome the claim objections and the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance, an indication of which is kindly requested.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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